The Oath of ALLEGIANCE

I A. B. do truly and ſincerely acknowledge, profeſs, teſtifie, and declare in my Conſcience befo God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King *Charles* is lawful and rightful King of t Realm of *England*, & of all other his Majeſties Dominions and Countries. And that the Pope ne ther of himſelf, nor by any Authority of the Church, or *See of Rome*, or by any other means with a other hath any power or Authority to depoſe the King, or to diſpoſe any of his Majeſties Kingdom or Dominons, or to Authorize any forreign Prince to Invade or Annoy him, or his Country, or to diſchar any of his Subjects of their Allegiance and Obedience to his Majeſty; or to give licence or leave to any them to bear Arms, raiſe tumults, or offer any violence or hurt to his Majeſties Royal perſon State or G vernment, or to any of his Majeſties Subjects within his Majeſties Dominions: Alſo I do ſwear from heart, that notwithſtanding any declaration or Sentence of Excommunication, or deprivation made granted, or to be made or granted by the Pope or his Succeſſors, or by any Authority derived, or p tended to be derived from him or his *See* againſt the ſaid King, his Heirs, or Succeſſors, or any abſolut of the ſaid Subjects from their Obedience, I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majeſty, his He and Succeſſors, and him and them will defend to the uttermoſt of my power againſt all Conſpiracies Attempts whatſoever which ſhall be made againſt his or their perſons, their Crown and Dignity, by r ſon or colour of any ſuch Sentence or declaration, or otherwiſe, and will do my beſt endeavour to diſc and make known unto his Majeſty, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, all Treaſons and Traitorous Conſpiracies wh I ſhall know or hear of to be againſt him, or any of them. And I do further ſwear that I do from my h abhor, deteſt, and abjure as Impious, and Heretical, this damnable doctrine and poſition, that Pri which be excommunicated or deprived by the Pope may be depoſed or murdered by their ſubjects, o ny other whatſoever. And I do believe and in my Conſcience am reſolved that neither the Pope ne ny perſon whatſoever hath power to abſolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowl by good & full Authority to be lawfully miniſtred unto me; And do renounce all pardons & diſpenſa to the contrary. And all theſe things I do plainly and ſincerely acknowledge and ſwear according to t expreſs words by me ſpoken, & according to the plain and common ſenſe and underſtanding of the words, without any equivocation, or mental Evaſion, or ſecret reſervation whatſoever. And make this recognition and Acknowledgement heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Fai Chriſtian, So help me God.

That this is a true Copie compared with the Original ſent in his Majeſties Letter and is pri publiſhed by Order of the General Court ſitting in Boſton in *New-England* the ſecond of *October*,

Edward Rawſon S.